

Docket No.

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

KEYED LATCH VALVE FOR FUEL FILTER

the specification of which

- [] is attached hereto.
- [X] was filed on April 15, 2004 and assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/824,916.
- [] and was amended on ______. (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/168,941, filed on December 3, 1999; and under Title 35, United States Code, §119(d) of United States Patent Application No. 09/452,857, filed on December 3, 1999 and United States Patent Application No. 10/129,350, filed on May 2, 2002, which is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US00/31329, filed on November 15, 2000.

I hereby appoint the following as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application, and any international applications relating thereto, and to transact all business (including making and receiving payments on my behalf) in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and before all competent International Authorities connected therewith:

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